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SIR,—I have read and reread your reply to Colonel Roosevelt's strictures upon the President's "Belgian Policy." It is not only a conclusive refutation of the Colonel's contention, but the most admirable exposition of "neutrality" and "neutralization," as provided for in the several pronouncements of The Hague Convention, which has thus far fallen under my observation. Every American should learn it by heart, and feel thankful that in this great world crisis the Republic is in the hands of a clear-visioned and courageous statesman like President Wilson. Impulsive patriotism is an excellent thing in its place, but when unrestrained by wisdom, intelligence, and forethought it is prone to play havoc with international relations and national policy.

No one can doubt the earnestness, the ability, or the Americanism of our much-loved and much-hated ex-President, but the Colonel would not be our Colonel if he ever stopped to look before or behind when taking a plunge into the depths of any vital problem. Hence it is characteristic that in trying to chase the President into Belgium he should unconsciously run away from his well-beloved "Monroe doctrine." Would that his devotion to treaty obligations had always been as keen as it is just now!

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